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REPORT OF THE 1991 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTION

1. By its resolution 45/215 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Conference met at United Nations Headquarters on 5 and 6 November 1991.

3. The session was opened by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on behalf of the Secretary-General.

B. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece,

Guatemala, Guyana, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zimbabwe.

5. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations attended the Conference:

United Nations Office at Vienna, United Nations International Drug Control Programme, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Capital Development Fund, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations Volunteers, United Nations Fund for Population Activities, United Nations Institute for Training and Research, International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, United Nations Social Defence Research Institute.

6. Representatives of the following specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference:

International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization; Universal Postal Union; International Telecommunication Union; World Meteorological Organization; International Fund for Agricultural Development; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; International Atomic Energy Agency.

C. Election of officers

7. At its first meeting, on 5 November, the Conference elected by acclamation the following officers:

President: Mr. Terence Christopher O'Brien (New Zealand)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Denis Dangue Rewaka (Gabon)

Mr. Eduard Kukan (Czechoslovakia)

D. Documentation

8. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General containing comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1990 (A/46/206/Add.4-E/1991/93/Add.4);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on contributions pledged or paid at the 1990 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 1991 (A/CONF.154/2);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/CONF.158/1);

(d) A background paper containing information on programmes and funds.

II. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLEDGES

9. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds. It took note of the fact that several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions but proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.